

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADS IN TUMKUR DISTRICT.

*Q.—7. Sri G. N. PUTTANNA (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total length of new roads formed in Tumkur District by the P.W.D. from 1st July 1960 to 31st December 1960 and the total cost incurred thereby ;

(b) the number of bills that are finally paid and the number that are still to be paid to the contractors ;

(c) the arrangements made to maintain these newly formed roads in future ?

A.—Sri M. N. NAGHANOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—

(a)	Miles	Furlongs
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Mileage of Rural Roads formed...	1272	4
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Cost incurred	...	Rs. 16,17,070
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(b) Number of Bills paid	...	2147
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Number of Bills to be paid	...	354
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(c) Maintenance of Rural Roads is the statutory responsibility of Taluk Boards.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಅವರು (a)ಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ mileage of rural road formed 1272 ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ರಿಲೀಫ್ ಕಾಂಗಾರಿ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಮೈಲಿ ಆಗಿದೆ. P.W.D. ಗ್ರಾಂಟಿನಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಮೈಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಆಗಿದೆಯೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

†Sri M. N. NAGHANOR.—Sir, these roads have been formed under Rural Communication Programme and even the works that have already been taken up on the consideration of scarcity conditions being prevailing this area.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—I am asking you definitely what are the number of miles of roads formed by the relief works funds and by the Public Works Department grants?

Sri M. N. NAGHANOR.—We have not made any such watertight compartment. These roads have been formed under Rural Communication Programme also due to scarcity conditions prevailing in this area.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—It is stated that the number of bills to be paid is 354. May I know the amount due?

†Indicates that the remarks of speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

Sri M. N. NAGHANOR.—I cannot give the exact amount, Sir. But it is stated in answer to (b) that the number of bills to be paid is 354.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—In answer to (c), may I know whether the Government have entrusted these roads to the Taluk Boards for maintenance? Is the Government aware that these roads are already being spoiled because the Public Works Department is not taking care of these roads and the Taluk Boards have not been entrusted with this work?

Sri M. N. NAGHANOR.—This is the first time that the Government have embarked on such a programme and it is contemplated under the Panehayat Act to maintain such roads of this standard.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—No doubt it is contemplated. Is it not necessary to entrust these roads to the Taluk Boards?

Sri M. N. NAGHANOR.—As I mentioned already, these roads are being entrusted to the Taluk Boards for maintenance.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—You say that 1272 miles of roads have been formed. Who is taking up this half-work done culverts and bridges to be formed in those roads?

Sri M. N. NAGHANOR.—The Taluk Boards will take up the work. Wherever possible we are doing C. D. Work and under rural communication, we are taking major culverts, with water linear way of more than 20 feet. We are also taking up a number of programmes included under the rural development programmes which have been circulated widely.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—You have not constructed culverts and bridges and you are simply handing over those roads to the Taluk Boards? Are the Taluk Boards going to undertake those culverts and bridges or is the Public Works Department going to complete them and then hand over those roads to the Taluk Boards?

Sri M. N. NAGHANOR.—Wherever possible, we have been trying to fit them in the present programme itself. Wherever it would not be possible, it will be the responsibility of the Taluk Boards to do the remaining job.

G. N. PUTTANNA.—Is it possible for the Taluk Boards to construct those bridges and culverts? Where have they got the funds to do that?

Sri M. N. NAGHANOR.—Wherever there are major culverts with water linear way of more than 20 feet, the Public Works Department has come forward to do it. Wherever they are smaller works, the Taluk Boards should do it.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Due to this dual control, the construction of culverts and bridges has come to a standstill. Will the Government take action immediately and either grant the amount to the Taluk Boards or take up the work through the Public Works Department itself? Now, the roads formed are in no way useful.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—The Taluk Development Boards have started working. We will have to find out from them whether they have definite resources. Whenever we feel it is not possible for them to do it, we will spend the money for culverts or bridges, whatever it is.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣನಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—354 ಬಿಲ್ಲುಗಳ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು ಇನ್ನೂ ಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ಪ್ರೋಗ್ರೆಸಿವ್ ಪಾಲಿಸಿಯೇ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅದು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣನಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಇಷ್ಟು ನಿರ್ಧಾನವಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಫ್. ನಾಗನೂರ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಹಿಂದೆ ಕ್ಷಾಮ ಬಿದ್ದಿದ್ದ ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಒಮ್ಮೆಲೇ ಅನೇಕ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಅನೇಕ ಕಡೆ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಬಂತು. ಮೇಲಾಗಿ ಆ ಪೈಕಿ ಅನೇಕ ಕೆಲಸಗಳು ಪ್ರೀಸ್-ವರ್ಕ್ ಸಿಸ್ಟಂ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆ ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ಫೈನಲ್ ವೆರಿಫಿಕೇಷನ್ (ಚೆಕ್) ಆಗಿದ್ದೇ ಆ ಬಿಲ್ಲುಗಳ ಕ್ಲೈಂನ್ನು ಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಹಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಆ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ನಿರ್ಧಾನವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣನಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಒಂದು ಬಿಲ್ಲನ್ನು ಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ವಾಯಿದೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಫ್. ನಾಗನೂರ್.—P.W.D. ಕೂಡಿಸಿಲ್ಲ ಅದನ್ನು ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—With reference to answer (c), may I know whether the Government have asked the Taluk Boards either by circular instruction or by Government Order to take the maintenance works of these roads which are newly formed?

Sri M. N. NAGHANOR.—Sir, it is already contemplated under the Rural Communication Programme and it is contained in the Government Order so far issued.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಕೆ. ಎಸ್. ನಾಗರತ್ನಮ್ಮ.—354 ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಪಾವತಿಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೀಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಯಾಗದೆ ನಿಂತಿರುವ ಹಣವೆಷ್ಟು ? ಅಷ್ಟು ಹಣವನ್ನು ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಕ್ಷಾಮ ನಿವಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಹಾಗೆ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ?

Sri M. N. NAGHANOR.—I want notice.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Before you take up these roads, did you ascertain from the Taluk Boards whether they are capable of maintaining these roads ?

† Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—When these roads were formed, there were not Taluk Boards working. Secondly, it is the intention of the Government to form roads completely and then hand them over to the Taluk Boards for maintenance. We have also said that if the finances of Taluk Boards do not allow maintenance of this kind to be debited to them, then we will think of other procedures.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಏಲ್. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ.—ಇನ್ನೂ ಏತಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರ ದುಡ್ಡು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Sometimes the bills will have to be delayed for want of proper sanction and certain other procedures which are prescribed; at some other item, the bills which are not check-measured and such other difficulties which would arise, the bills will have to be delayed for sometime.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಚ್. ಸುಬ್ಬಣ್ಣ.—ರಸ್ತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೋ ಇಲ್ಲವೋ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಬ್ರಿಡ್ಜ್, ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡದೇ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯವೆನಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ ಆದರೆ ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government have ordered that all roads which have already been taken up shall be completed and brought to a safe stage and left at that so that the expenditure that we have already incurred may not become infructuous.

PURCHASE OF NEW BUSES BY THE MYSORE GOVERNMENT ROAD TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN THE YEAR 1955-56.

*Q.—10. Sri G. N. PUTTANNA (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of new buses purchased by the M.G.R.T.D. in the year 1955-56 and the cost of each bus and the Company and Agent from whom they were purchased;

(b) the guarantee of mileage promised or agreed upon by the M.G.R.T.D. and the Company and Agent if any and if not, why no guarantee was obtained;

(c) whether it is a fact that twenty buses were condemned when they had done only about 68,000 miles and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any responsibility was fixed upon the persons who were responsible for neglect of work and ultimate loss to Government; and if so, how much money was recovered from them and if not, why no responsibility was fixed;

(e) the total amount of loss incurred by the M.G.R.T.D. by such premature condemnation of buses?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forests and Transport).—

(a) Number of new buses purchased—50. Cost of each bus—Rs. 36,105 average.

From whom purchased: The Premier Automobiles Ltd. Bombay.

(b) There is no practice of obtaining any guarantee of mileage for the chasses in view of the fact that as per the agreed policy of the Chasses Manufacturers a guarantee of 6,000 miles or 3 months for any manufacturing defect is implied.

(c) No.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (c).